



2024 CEA | Clubs and Societies

Aim

Involving oneself in curriculum extension activities (CEA) supports holistic growth and development of learners. Such opportunities provide scope for connection and belonging with peers and other members of the Mercedes College community for the purpose of like-minded pursuits beyond the curriculum.

With a focus on developing knowledge, skills, strategies and tactics for continuous improvement, there are targeted opportunities for students to get involved at a level that is appropriate for them – from *participation to (high) performance*.

Curriculum extension activities are led by suitably qualified and/or experienced people – including staff, and external members of the school community. There are also opportunities for Senior Students to take leadership of younger groups as appropriate.

Group Name	Year Levels	Cost	Day/Time	Max # Students	Taken By
Primary School Chess (Additional Year Levels will be considered upon inquiry)	Year 4 – Year 6	\$50	Term 2 and Term 3 Training TBC Competitions Thursday after school	Min 4	Ben Price and Britta Jureckson
Students of similar skill level play on a team in fortnightly competitions; all skill levels are welcome and will be accommodated. Students receive chess coaching at the College and are expected to attend all training sessions. Students wishing to receive training without competing are also welcome to sign up. Competitions are run through the South Australian Junior Chess League, traditionally at Prince Alfred College.					
Middle and Senior School Chess	Year 7 – Year 12	\$50	Term 2 and Term 3 Training TBC Competitions Friday nights	Min 4	Ben Price
Students of similar skill level play on a team in fortnightly competitions; all skill levels are welcome and will be accommodated. Students receive chess coaching at the College and are expected to attend all training sessions. Students wishing to receive training without competing are also welcome to sign up. Competitions are run through the South Australian Junior Chess League, traditionally at The Chess Centre of South Australia.					
Middle School Debating	Year 6 – Year 9	\$70	Term 2 and Term 3 Lesson times TBC Competitions Tuesday or Wednesday evenings	Minimum 3 per team	Jamie Hayter
Lessons are held with a teacher-coach at the College during recess or lunch. Debates are coordinated by Debating SA, traditionally at Pulteney Grammar School (Year 5-6) and Glenunga International High School (Year 7-9).					
Senior School Debating	Year 10 – Year 12	\$70	Term 2 and Term 3 Lesson times TBC Competitions Tuesday or Wednesday evenings	Minimum 3 per team	Jamie Hayter
Lessons are held with a teacher-coach at the College during recess or lunch. Debates are coordinated by Debating SA, traditionally at Glenunga International High School.					
Coding and Robotics	Year 7 – Year 12	TBC	Term 2 and Term 3 Details TBC	TBC	TBC
Students are encouraged to register their interest.					



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Being You Boys	Year 9	\$280	Term 2 or Term 3 Session times TBC Plus 3-day camp	TBC	Damian Vahlis
Students submit a written application with their reasons for wanting to be involved in this 'rite of passage' style program after attending an information session in the new year. The 3-day camp experience attached to this program is the culmination of all learning prior.					
Break Free Girls	Year 9	\$280	Term 2 or Term 3 Session times TBC Plus 3-day camp	TBC	Sarah Hartlett
Students submit a written application with their reasons for wanting to be involved in this 'rite of passage' style program after attending an information session in the new year. The 3-day camp experience attached to this program is the culmination of all learning prior.					
Mock Trial	Year 10 – Year 12	Nil	Term 1 – Term 3 Practice during school hours Competition Tuesday evenings	7	Sean Moffat
Mock Trials, facilitated by the Law Society of South Australia, simulate a court case where students from opposing schools contest a fictional legal matter. Students receive an introduction to the law, legal processes and the South Australian legal system in general.					
STEP Trek Mimili	Year 9 – Year 10	\$1,100	Term 3 8 days in September	45	Steve Wasilewski
The Study Thinking Extension Program (STEP) annual Trek takes participants into Australia's desert and the community of Mimili, to build understanding of indigenous communities, cultures and Australian history.					
Social Justice Group	Year 12	Nil	Term 1 – Term 4 Specific sessions TBC	N/A	Deb Lubatti
Students are involved in a variety of Social Justice activities inspired by the College's Mercy tradition and Mercy Keys, and advocate for participation from the wider student population. Participation is by written application.					
Junior School Art Club	Year 2 – Year 5	Nil	Term 1 – Term 4 Wednesday lunchtime	TBC	Jane Finnimore
Students work in the art room at lunchtimes to create personal projects with guidance from teaching staff. Projects may include painting, drawing, sewing, crafts, or other interests.					
Middle School Art Club	Year 6 – Year 9	Nil	Term 1 – Term 4 Wednesday lunchtimes	TBC	Jennifer Robertson
Students work in the art room at lunchtimes to create personal projects with guidance from teaching staff. Projects may include painting, drawing, sewing, crafts, or other interests.					
Senior School Art Club	Year 10 – Year 12	TBC	Term 1 – Term 4 Day TBC, 4pm-6pm	TBC	Jane Finnimore
Students will work with a practising portrait artist to develop drawing and painting skills. This will be open to Senior students, teachers, and parents. Day and cost will be confirmed in early 2024.					